

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A musical shaker assembly for mounting on a drum beater foot pedal mechanism, such shaker assembly comprising:

a container having located therein a plurality of hard pellets which are free to move about within the container;

and an elongated shaft having a first end portion attached to the container with the remainder of the shaft extending outward from the container, the outward end portion of the shaft being shaped to fit into a stem holder of a drum beater foot pedal mechanism.
2. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the container is a metal container.
3. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the container is a hard plastic container.
4. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the container is a hard wood container.

5. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the container is a closed metal can.
6. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the plurality of hard pellets is comprised of many hard pellets.
7. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the hard pellets are small pieces of metal.
8. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the hard pellets are metal BB's.
9. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the hard pellets are pieces of metal buckshot.
10. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the elongated shaft is a cylindrical metal rod.
11. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the elongated shaft is force-fit through the body of the container in a central location on the container.

12. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the elongated shaft is attached by forming holes in opposing sides of the container in a central location on the container and forcing the shaft through these holes so that the first end of the shaft protrudes from one of these holes and the remainder of the shaft extends outward from the other of these holes.

13. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 12 and including means for securing the container in place on the shaft.

14. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 13 wherein the securing means includes at least one raised shoulder formed on the shaft at the exit location of the remainder of the shaft and a nut member threaded onto the protruding first end of the shaft.

15. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the drum beater foot pedal mechanism is a commercially-available on-the-market bass drum beater foot pedal mechanism.

16. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the hard pellets are one of the items in a group consisting of sand, plant seeds, uncooked rice grains, rock fragments and rock pebbles.

17. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the hard pellets are a mixture of at least two different kinds of pellets.

18. A musical shaker assembly in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the hard pellets are a mixture of at least two items from a group consisting of metal fragments, metal BB's, metal buckshot, sand, plant seeds, uncooked rice grains, rock fragments and rock pebbles.